

Service Date: August 7, 1997

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA**

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IN THE MATTER of the Complaint of) UTILITY DIVISION
Big Sky Technologies, LLP, against) DOCKET NO. D97.3.37
US WEST Communications, Inc.) ORDER NO. 5999

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Complaint of) UTILITY DIVISION
Big Sky Network Technologies, LLP, against) DOCKET NO. D97.3.51
U S WEST Communications, Inc.) ORDER NO. 6000

PROCEDURAL ORDER and NOTICE OF HEARING
Pursuant to delegated authority the Montana Public Service Commission

(Commission)staff issues the following procedural schedule and order in these Dockets:

- 1. September 12, 1997: Deadline for completing discovery. Completed means that requests for production, interrogatories, and requests for admission shall have been filed so that the required responses are due on or before this date, and depositions shall have been completed. All discovery is to be fairly and accurately responded to, and failure to do so may result in appropriate sanction, including continuation of the hearing or dismissal of the complaints. Discovery problems that cannot be resolved by the parties shall be brought to the attention of the Commission immediately.**
- 2. September 22, 1997: Deadline for submission of prehearing brief. The brief should contain a short description of the nature of the complaints and the issues to be presented. The brief should also contain a witness list and sequence of witness appearance.**
- 3. September 25, 1997: Hearing begins at 9:30 a.m., preceded by an attorneys' conference at 9:15 a.m. The hearing will take place in the Bollinger Room at the Public**

Service Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana. The hearing will be before either the full Commission or, pursuant to 69-1-110(1), MCA, a quorum of Commissioners. The hearing is a contested case proceeding pursuant to the Montana Administrative Procedures Act, 2-4-101-711, MCA. The hearing is also held pursuant to 69-3-321, 325, 326 and 330, MCA, and relevant sections of Commission procedural rules at ARM 38, Chapter 2. Procedural inquiries on these Dockets should be addressed to Robin McHugh at (406) 444-6376.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**DAVE FISHER, Chairman
NANCY MCCAFFREE, Vice Chair
BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner
DANNY OBERG, Commissioner
BOB ROWE, Commissioner**